ACTING PRESIDENT’S REPORT
As acting president it was great to hear David’s first presentation to the club as a member. Not only has David been a Nuffield Scholarship recipient, David has had a very active involvement in the Nuffield Scholarship program over the past eleven years. The skills that he has been able to acquire through this program have both helped David personally but have also given him talents that will strengthen our community and our Rotary club. Well done David.

To our Rotaractors and Exchange Student Simon, from the posts on face book you look to be having a wonderful time at the conference. Safe travels home. We look forward to hearing all about your trip when you return.

Next week we look forward to president Tony’s return and we have our local CFA captain Cam Whelan talking to us about the strike team he went on to Walwa.

Have a great week,
Chris

To the President and members of the WRC.
Thank you all most sincerely for the lovely flowers, visits and attendances at Lindsay’s funeral – such a very sad time.

Rotary was a really important part of Lindsay’s life – he served well and gained so much pleasure and satisfaction in doing so. Thank you again for all the friendship shown to him over all the years. Maureen Smale

COMING DATES
Laura speaking at club meeting TBC 26 Feb
District Conference Swan Hill 20 -22 March
RCW visit to RC Wyndham 4-6 April
Clem Quick’s 50 yrs in Rotary- Brim CC 8 April
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Laura, Ian and Wendy attended the Rebounder’s day at Horsham over the weekend. This was run by the D9780 Youth Exchange committee for the recently returned exchange students, their families and counselors. Ten confident young people addressed the gathering in their newly learned language and joined in discussions about the exchange experiences - the ups and downs. They also heard past rebounders talk about the challenges of returning home and were presented with some strategies that might help with the transition.

They are a great group of young people, who will no doubt support each other in the coming months and years, and they know that the district, their counsellors and their sponsor club are also there to help. **We look forward to Laura talking to the club very soon.**
TWO MINUTE TALK - My First Job. Peter Martin

My first job as a child growing up on the farm was looking after animals. Jobs included rounding up the cows for milking, separating the cream and feeding the calves. I did this after school, having to walk everywhere as there were no motorbikes etc.

After leaving school I started working for dad on the farm earning $10 a week. During the holidays I would go grape picking at Dareton NSW earning $8 for 100 buckets of sultanas. Working 10 hour days, 6 days a week, I looked forward to the end of the day..... swimming and fishing in the river. After the second year I received a pay rise to $10 for 100 buckets. I became good family friends with the family and we used to visit each other for many years.

AUSTRALIA DAY (Ian)

There were approx. 260 people in attendance which was excellent. We were blessed with excellent weather – not too hot.
The new menu of muffins suggested by Leora was a hit for breakfast.
The Warracknabeal Concert Band started proceedings off in excellent form.
Sofia Laursen-Habel was brilliant – her choice of song, the Lee Kernaghan classic was very appropriate and well timed.
Josh Gunn’s speech was amazing. He has achieved so much for a man at his age.
The award recipients were well chosen, and each was a very worthy winner.
I thanked many people and organisations on Australia Day but I wish to especially wish to thank some people who did great things. Firstly, my Rotary colleagues and partners, friends of Rotary and the many volunteers who helped in many ways. Special thanks to the Australia Day committee for their precision planning. I don’t like to single out people, but I wish to sincerely thank Wendy for attention to detail and her famous lists. Chris Gunn for a great first up effort managing the smooth-running kitchen and John Liersch for managing the BBQ and producing those tasty muffins.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARACT CONFERENCE

Left on Friday 7th Feb for Gold Coast Qld, Simon and 5 Rotaractors, President Sam Schulz, PE Megan Watts, Secretary Colleen Tabone, Kelsea Wall and Marc Pendlebury.

They will be attending Conference all weekend listening to speakers and attending workshops. Dinner on Saturday night is a Hollywood theme. Rotaract has been nominated for an award in the “Most Fun/Creative Event” category for their Dog Washes events. They are up against RC of Hunter, RC of Adelaide University and RC of Brisbane Rivercity. A great achievement being nominated, considering they are such a small club.

We are very proud of our Rotaract Club and wish them all the best on the weekend whether they win or not.

......... No results as we go to print!
David last spoke to Rotary 10 years ago after his completion of Nuffield Scholarship travels.
David spoke about his career since then and where Nuffield has taken him in the last 10 years.
About Nuffield – a charitable trust that offers Scholarships in Agriculture, medicine etc. William Morris is Lord Nuffield. Nuffield has been in Australia for the last 60 years.
David was the 223rd Nuffield scholarship recipient; now over 450 have been received. The Nuffield Scholarship funds are now depleted so rely on outside investors. Scholar receive 16 weeks overseas travel. 25 Scholarships are on offer each year for people aged between 28-40yrs, and need to personally benefit from the experience. The extensive interview process usually favours older applicants.
Nuffield Payback – I needed to be available for presentations/interviews. I have done over 40 presentations/interviews, including media articles in the Sunday Age and a very challenging radio interview with Julia Gillard on Carbon Tax. The reports published on the internet resulted in some crazies contacting me!
I had discussions with Andrew Broad VFF and federal politician Penny Wong.
Currently I’m immediate Past Chair of Nuffield Victoria. For two years, I was responsible for looking after Victorian Scholarships, involved in the selection process and enjoyed following the progress and development of others.
• Fringe Benefits – Dinners representing Nuffield, Post study opportunities, advanced rural leadership course, personal development
• Payback to Society – Climate Champion Program, WCMA Board Member, DELWP, Grain Growers, Climate Change Politics, Alumni – Scholar for Life, Various State events, Annual Conference, visiting other scholars, lifelong learning, International Conferences UK 2017 and NZ this year
• Changes in my Business - not a production based study topic. I’m still here, better identification of real risks, MPCI, Canola, soil carbon, increase production per unit of emission, driver of sheep improvement.

Simon’s Report

• Over the holidays, stayed in Geelong for two nights. Went to the Australian Open tennis. Has been to Lake Boga camping five nights and tried wake boarding and skiing.
• Keen to go back to school.
• Enjoying his stay with the Golder family.
• Going to the Rotaract Conference this weekend in QLD.

MANDY GRADUATES.
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
Congratulations Mandy

IAN PENNY... the Champion tosser.
At last week’s meeting, Ian tried his secret ‘heads and tails’ strategy and predicted each toss of the coin.
What’s your secret Ian?
How can you help?

Rotary Districts across Australia encourage you to donate to the Rotary National Bushfires Appeal, a single fund established by the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS). It enables you to specify the area to receive your donation and it is tax deductible. You can donate via the RAWCS website, https://rawcs.org.au

You can also donate directly to the Rotary East Gippsland Fire Aid Fund - BSB 633 000 Ac #165960451

To donate Hay, visit www.needforfeed.org to arrange it.
District 9780 CONFERENCE
March 20-22, Swan Hill

Come along:
If you’ve never been to a District conference, or haven't been for many years, consider coming along this year. Some new faces would be great. These weekends are always entertaining, informative, inspirational and fun!

Who’s going so far....
Tony, Sue, Helen, Wendy & Robin, Chris & Glenda, Ian & Lorraine, Laura Daniel, Jack & family, Simon.
The Comfort Inn Lady Augusta Motel, 375 Campbell St, Swan Hill. 5032 9677
Laura & Simon will be staying with other exchange students.

For those going....

DIY registration for the program, conference dinner, golf, laser light show ASAP.

Check out the details of the weekend. Be inspired. The promotional video is very funny.
Visit the website: www.rotary9780conference.com.au

FRIDAY
• Optional social golf in the afternoon at Murray Downs golf course. Anyone want to join Wendy?
• Dinner. Own arrangements? At golf club? Pub?
• Conference opening.

SATURDAY
• Conference program
• Conference Dinner. Boogie at the Flying Catalina Boat Museum on Lake Boga. A 40s war theme. Dress up ideas for our team?

SUNDAY
• AM. Closing program